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Recently reported the delivery early in December 1952 of twenty motor-torpedo boats to the Albanian port of Valona from an unknown Soviet Bloc nation. Armament is said to consist of six 450 mm torpedoes, one 46 mm anti-aircraft gun plus machine guns of unspecified caliber. The same report indicates that a Soviet naval officer who is a member of the Soviet military mission in Albania has been appointed comptroller of the motor-torpedo boat headquarters in Valona.

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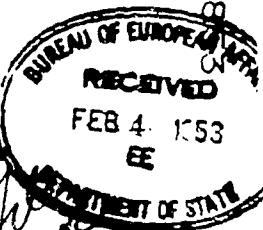
mentioned also a report frequently heard that covered submarine pens are under construction in the south of Saseno Island.

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